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DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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COMPUTERIZATION OF ORDNANCE DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts were made by the Army towards computerizing its inventory but the PCs have been used for generating internal reports and other major activity of all the depots i.e. provision function is being performed manually;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to look into the matter of not using the PCs for the purpose they were procured; and

(c) the steps taken to computerize the Ordnance Depots for meaningful control of inventory and poor stock visibility?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2820 15.3.2001

Personal Computers are being used for carrying out Inventory Management functions in all Ordnance Depots. For these functions, Army Ordnance Corps has developed software packages like Divisional Ordnance Unit package/Regional Ordnance Depot package/Ammunition Inventory Central package/Civilian Personal Management package etc.

There are no internal reports generated by the Computer which are not related to Inventory Management as mentioned in the Question.

2. The Computers in all Ordnance Depots are being effectively utilized only for the purpose for which these have been installed namely Inventory Management. The computer is a versatile & effective tool which can be used for a wide variety of official purposes.

3. Among steps taken to computerize the Ordnance Depots for meaningful control of Inventory, a Computerized Inventory Control Project has been sanctioned by Ministry of Defence to automate the Inventory Management functions of Central Ordnance Depot, Delhi Cantonment and Management Information Service/ Decision Support System requirements of Ordnance Directorate at Army Headquarters and Ministry of Defence.This also involves setting up of a Wide Area Network connecting all Ordnance Units to Army Headquarters. The project is under implementation and Phase-I of the Project is to be completed by 31st December, 2001. Subsequently, the system is to be installed in all other Central/Regional Depots and Ordnance Units.